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The SPECTATOR.

Occupet extremum Scabies------ Hor.

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'Tis an impertinent and unreaſonable Fault in Converſation, for one Man to take up all the Diſcourſe. It may poſſibly be objected to me my ſelf, that I am guilty in this Kind, in engroſſing the Town every Day, and not giving ſo many able Perſons who have it more in their Power, and as much in their Inclination, an Opportunity to oblige Mankind with their Thoughts. Be it ſo, ſaid one whom I over-heard the other Day, why muſt this Paper turn altogether upon Topicks of Learning and Morality? Why ſhould it pretend any to Wit, Humour, or the like? Things which are uſeful only to amuſe Men of Literature and ſuperior Education. I would have it conſiſt alſo of all Things which may be neceſſary or uſeful to any Part of Society, and the mechanick Arts ſhould have their Place as well as the liberal. The Ways of Gain, Husbandry, and Thrift, will ſerve a great Number of People, than Diſcourſes upon what was well ſaid or done by ſuch a Philoſopher, Heroe, General, or Poet. I no ſooner heard this Critick talk of my Works, but I minuted what he had ſaid; and from that Inſtant reſolved to enlarge the Plan of my Speculations, by giving Notice to all Perſons of all Orders, and each Sex, that if they are pleaſed to ſend me Diſcourſes, with their Names and Places of Abode to them, ſo that I can be ſatisfied the Writings are authentick, ſuch their Labours ſhall be faithfully inſerted in this Paper. It will be of much more Conſequence to a Youth in his Apprenticeſhip, to know by what Rules and Arts ſuch a one became Sheriff of the City of *London*, than to ſee the Sign of one of his own Quality with a Lion's Heart in each Hand. The World indeed is enchanted with romantick and improbable Atchievements, when the plain Path to reſpective Greatneſs and Succeſs in the Way of Life a Man is in, is wholly overlooked. Is it poſſible that a young Man at preſent could paſs his Time better, than in reading the Hiſtory of Stocks, and knowing by what ſecret Springs they have ſuch ſudden Aſcents and Falls in the ſame Day? Could he be better conducted in his Way to Wealth, which is the great Article of Life, than in a Treatiſe dated from *Change-Alley* by an able Proficient there? Nothing certainly could be more uſeful, than to be well inſtructed in his Hopes and Fears; to be diffident when others exalt, and with a ſecret Joy buy when others think it their Intereſt to ſell. I invite all Perſons who have any thing to ſay for the profitable Information of the Publick, to take their Turns in my Paper: They are welcome, from the late noble Inventor of the Longitude, to the humble Author of Strops for Razors. If to carry Ships in Safety, to give Help to People toſt in a troubled Sea, without knowing to what Shore they bear, what Rocks to avoid, or what Coaſt to pray for in their Extremity, be a worthy Labour, and an Invention that deſerves a Statue; at the ſame Time, he who has found a Means to let the Inſtrument which is to make your Viſage leſs horrid, and your Perſon more ſmug, eaſy in the Operation, is worthy of ſome kind of good Reception: If things of high Moment meet with Renown, thoſe of little Conſideration, ſince of any Conſideration, are not to be deſpiſed. In order that no Merit may lie hid, and no Art unimprov'd, I repeat it, that I call Artificers, as well as Philoſophers, to my Aſſiſtance in the Publick Service. It would be of great Uſe, if we had an exact Hiſtory of the Succeſſes of every great Shop within the City-Walls, what Tracts of Land have been purchaſed by a conſtant Attendance within a Walk of Thirty Foot. If it could alſo be noted in the Equipage of thoſe who are aſcended from the Succeſsful Trade of their Anceſtors into Figure and Equipage, ſuch Accounts would quicken Induſtry in the Purſuit of ſuch Acquiſitions, and diſcountenance Luxury in the Enjoyment of them.

To diverſify theſe kind of Informations, the Induſtry of the Female World is not to be unobſerv'd: She to whoſe Houſhold-Virtues it is owing, that Men do Honour to her Husband, ſhould be recorded with Veneration; ſhe who has waſted his Labours, with Infamy. When we are come into Domeſtick Life in this manner, to awaken Cau-

Caution and Attendance to the main Point, it would not be amiſs to give now and then a Touch of Tragedy, and deſcribe that moſt dreadful of all Humane Conditions, the Caſe of Bankrupcy; how Plenty, Credit, Chearfulneſs, full Hopes, and eaſy Poſſeſſions, are in an Inſtant turned into Penury, faint Aſpects, Diffidence, Sorrow, and Miſery; how the Man, who with an open Hand the Day before could adminiſter to the Extremities of others, is ſhunn'd to Day by the Friend of his Boſom. It would be uſeful to ſhew how juſt this is on the Negligent, how lamentable on the Induſtrious. A Paper written by a Merchant, might give this Iſland a true Senſe of the Worth and Importance of his Character: It might be viſible from what he could ſay, That no Soldier entring a Breach adventures more for Honour, than the Trader does for Wealth to his Country. In both Caſes the Adventurers have their own Advantage, but I know no Caſes wherein every Body elſe is a Sharer in the Succeſs.

It is objected by Readers of Hiſtory, That the Battles in thoſe Narrations are ſcarce ever to be underſtood. This Misfortune is to be aſcribed to the Ignorance of Hiſtorians in the Methods of drawing up, changing the Forms of a Batallia, and the Enemy retreating from, as well as approaching to, the Charge. But in the Diſcourſes from the Correſpondents whom I now invite, the Danger will be of another Kind; and it is neceſſary to caution them only againſt uſing Terms of Art, and deſcribing Things that are familiar to them in Words unknown to their Readers. I promiſe my ſelf a great Harveſt of new Circumſtances, Perſons, and Things from this Propoſal; and a World, which many think they are well acquainted with, diſcovered as wholly new. This Sort of Intelligence will give a lively Image of the Chain and mutual Dependance of Humane Society, take off impertinent Prejudices, enlarge the Minds of thoſe, whoſe Views are confin'd to their own Circumſtances; and, in ſhort, if the Knowing in ſeveral Arts, Profeſſions, and Trades will exert themſelves, it cannot but produce a new Field of Diverſion, an Inſtruction more agreeable than has yet appear'd.

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